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## WILL CORRECT ABUSES

### General Wood to Institute Reforms of Prisons.

Prisoners to be Given Speedy Trials—Collector Bliss Finds Entire Judicial System Apparently Banded Against Him—Investigation Shows Conspiracy to Defraud.

HAVANA, Dec. 27.—Governor General Wood says one of the first things he looked into was the management of Cuban prisons. Investigation has proven that even among American prisoners there has been an average detention of five months without trial. There are many things calling for immediate attention, particularly in the matter of sleeping accommodations. Reforms will be quickly instituted in this respect and hammocks will be supplied so that the prisoners will not be compelled to sleep on the bare floors, as now is the case with those without friends or money. A few who are able to pay for their own beds, he intends to make weekly visits to the prisons until a majority of the existing abuses are abated and he is trying to devise means that will insure prompt trial for persons accused.

So far as the Havana penitentiary is concerned this has been found in a perfectly satisfactory condition. It is clean, airy, well-ventilated and the inmates seem healthy.

### Terrible Truth.

A lawyer who recently visited several of the island prisons says the Charlton T. Lewis report gives only a portion of the terrible truth. Early last January General Ludlow appointed a military board to inquire into the question. Over 800 prisoners were reported upon and General Ludlow issued orders for the release of more than 100. Before fifty had been discharged, however, General Brooke ordered a halt and the matter was referred to the cabinet secretaries, since which time practically nothing has been done. Men whom General Ludlow ordered released are still held after three or four years waiting without trial.

General Wood thinks that when his order goes into effect calling on all judicial officers and military commanders to send complete lists of prisoners waiting trial the congestion of untried prisoners will be relieved within fifteen days thereafter and he does not intend that similar conditions shall arise again.

Warrants are out for the rearrest of three of the custom house appraisers recently released. Two custom house brokers and six other men were arrested today in connection with the charge of defrauding the government, but were released in \$2,000 bail each. The cases will be pushed to the uttermost.

### Conspiracy to Defraud.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced in obtaining evidence with reference to most of the importers and their employes, because nearly all the best families in Havana have relatives who are believed to be implicated. The investigation shows a widespread conspiracy to defraud.

Heretofore Collector Bliss, when he has had persons arrested for fraud, has been referred to the governor general's secretaries and he had found the entire judicial system apparently banded against him. Now the matter is taken up by the military authorities, who are determined that decisions shall be impartial.

Legal talent of a high order has been engaged by both sides. The government intends, if possible, to make an example of those against whom there is absolute proof, and will endeavor to strike terror to others. The corrupt system, which it is sought to break down, has existed for more than a century and scarcely anyone has looked upon it until the present proceedings were instituted as curable. Probably weeks will elapse before the cases can be brought to trial.

The Cuban Planters' association, in view of the alleged urgent need of immigration to Cuba, has finally published the expected circular for circulation in Spain and other countries. The circular says:

"Spaniards will find a home in Cuba, the only thing different being the government. Cuba can easily support 6,000,000 people, whereas at present there are only 1,500,000 on the island. The climate is excellent and a good future is assured to the steady laborer."

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the temperature in Havana was 74 degrees Fahrenheit.

### WILL JOIN MACARTHUR.

Thought That Funston Will be Assigned to Wheeler's Brigade.

MANILA, Dec. 29.—8:25 a. m.—General Fredrick Funston will join General MacArthur's command. His brigade has not been designated, but it is thought he will be assigned to General Wheeler's.

The order which has been issued opening to trade the ports of Zamboanga, Cotabato, Davao and Isabela, will apply provisionally to the Jolo and Siasi ports. General Bates will appoint the customs officials.

The authorities have issued a ruling which legalizes marriages performed by judges or the clergy of any relig-

ious denomination. Under the Spanish regime only such marriages were recognized as legal as were performed by Roman Catholic priests.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The directors of the Manila Railway company, limited, announce the suspension of interest on the prior lien bonds. They point out that no revenue is available, as the line has been in the possession of the insurgents or the Americans since February last. They also aver that the United States government is liable for the guaranteed interest, having assumed sovereignty over the Philippines.

The company has claims aggregating \$34,000 against the United States.

### LOCKETT ROUTS REBELS.

Americans Attack Strong Force of the Enemy Near San Mateo.

MANILA, Dec. 27.—10:15 p. m.—Colonel Lockett, with a force of 2,500, including artillery, attacked this morning a strong force of insurgents entrenched in the mountains near Montalban, about five miles northeast of San Mateo.

The enemy were completely routed, the Americans pursuing them through the hills, amid which they fled in every direction. Four Americans were wounded. The Filipino loss was large, resulting from a heavy infantry and artillery fire for three hours into the trenches.

It is supposed the insurgents are those driven out of San Mateo on the day General Lawton was killed. They numbered probably 1,000. A dozen lines of insurgent trenches covered the steep trail through the hills and likewise the valley below, along which the Americans passed.

The main attacking party consisted of the Forty-sixth volunteer infantry, a troop of cavalry and artillery, Colonel Lockett commanding in person. The rest of the command operated from remote points in an endeavor to carry out Colonel Lockett's plan of throwing his lines around the enemy and thus cutting off retreat.

The nature of the mountainous country made it impracticable to execute this movement successfully. After the insurgents began to run there was a vain effort to use artillery.

It now appears that one American was killed in the attack on the Subig garrison yesterday by General Santona.

The insurgent organ Independencia, which was suppressed by the Americans, resumed publication on November 21, in Bontoc province.

### Mrs. Eddy Wins in Court.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Josephine Woodbury was adjudged guilty of contempt of court by Judge Braley in the superior court here today in connection with the case brought against her by Mrs. Mary Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, for alleged criminal libel. Mrs. Woodbury was fined \$50, which she paid. The alleged contempt consisted in making public through a Boston newspaper the substance of her declaration in the suit against Mrs. Eddy and in causing to be published certain statements about the case or in submitting to interviews wherein she made certain statements, knowing they would be published.

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### FAMOUS SET OF CHINA.

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A magnificent set of china was recently purchased by Mrs. William Astor of New York for the princely sum of \$30,000. It is the most costly set of tableware in America. As the history of the celebrated dishes is related by the Chicago Tribune, it seems that they were originally intended for a royal table. Mrs. Astor has added another servant to her already large retinue—a woman whose sole duty is to care for these valuable dishes. The china is rich cream white in tint, with a slightly scalloped edge. Close to the rim traced in glittering gold, is the famous star-scattered Astor crest. Below the crest and encircling each plate is a band of gold, then a band of brilliant red, bordered by another gleaming gold line, and then, still further down in the plate, directly under the crest, are the golden letters "C. A." (Caroline Astor) wrought into an artistic monogram. The soup dishes are large and deep, measuring ten inches in diameter. The plates are slightly smaller in size. The platters are oblong in shape, and are square at the ends rather than rounded. The three-cornered dishes are all the same size. The china is not only remarkable for its fabulous cost, but for the simplicity of its design. The care of it is a story all of itself. Not one of the 212 pieces is ever allowed to touch the other, so brittle are these wonderfully costly plates. A china closet has been especially built to hold them, and each dish is always put in a niche of its own.

### Special Cap Sale

At Herolds. The second lot of men's, boys' and children's caps just received is better than the last lot that sold like hot cakes. This lot is the same price—29 cents for your choice of caps worth up to \$1.00.

## HAS HIS HANDS FULL

### Governor of Cuba Besieged by Office-Seekers.

Will Take Anything That Is Left—Applications All the Way From Cabinet Secretariats to Janitorships—Manages to Pay Unexpected Visits to the Asylums and Jails.

HAVANA, Dec. 28.—General Wood's office is besieged daily by a crowd of office-seekers from all parts of the island. The applicants want everything or anything, from cabinet secretariats to janitorships. Despite the fact that the governor general receives on an average 200 people every twenty-four hours he manages to find time to pay unexpected early morning visits to the asylums and jails. General Wood prefers to take the managers of such institutions unprepared. Tomorrow he intends to inspect the leper hospital. Today he visited the beneficencia. He does not intend to interfere in matters of public policy before the new year, when the new cabinet will be installed.

Cubans have been agreeably surprised by General Wood's refusal to allow the municipality of Cardenas to grant private contracts. In a communication embodying his refusal he said:

"No such contracts will be recognized until after the municipalities have been elected, an event which is only a few months off. Then the will of the people will be known and provided there is no interference with the prerogatives of the general government municipalities will be allowed to use all rightful means of improving the country without interference from Havana or anywhere else."

### SILVER IDEA IS WANING.

Chairman Danforth of New York Tells of His Trip Through South.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Elliott Danforth, chairman of the democratic state committee, returned to New York today after a trip through the south, during which he talked with Senator James K. Jones and most of the chairmen of the southern democratic state committees. This afternoon Mr. Danforth gave an Evening Post reporter the result of his observations and some information about the next year's national campaign:

"I found," he said, "that the sentiment was generally in favor of selecting some western city, other than Chicago, as the place for holding the national convention. The members of the national committee have a strong feeling against Chicago on account of the treatment they have received from the newspapers there since they established headquarters in that city in 1894. It looks as if Milwaukee or Kansas City will receive the national convention. Milwaukee seems to be in the lead. It has an auditorium with a seating capacity of 15,000 and the citizens have offered to entertain the delegates handsomely."

"I also discovered that there is a general feeling in favor of establishing national headquarters in Washington. Senator Jones favored Washington in 1896, but gave way to Bryan, who was in favor of Chicago."

"In my trip through the south I observed one thing, which will be considered of interest in New York, that none of the leaders seemed to insist on free silver next year. They did not say they had abandoned the 16 to 1 idea, but admitted the situation had changed since 1896, and the dominant features next year were trusts and imperialism. That is to say they are unwilling to repudiate the Chicago platform, but they see new features of far-reaching importance have come up and that their choice should be recognized."

"Even in states like North Carolina I found the anti-trust and anti-imperialism idea engaged the attention of the people more than the free silver issue. In fact, I might sum up my observations by saying that the sentiment of democracy in the south is such I am confident there would be little trouble in bringing about the union of the democracy of the whole country next year."

"The democratic national convention," Danforth added, "will be held a short time after the republican convention, according to custom. No matter when it is named there is no doubt about the head of the ticket. Everywhere I heard Bryan's name mentioned. They are not talking about candidates for vice president yet—an eastern man will probably be selected."

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### True Journalistic Instinct.

In Paris a young woman drove to the Bois, alighted from her coupe, seized her coachman's whip, and advanced before an eager crowd to administer a whipping to a journalist who had not flattered her vanity. The journalist caught the whip, broke it, and lifting the fair one in his arms, covered her with kisses. Then he went and wrote it up.

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### CITY MAKES MONEY.

Good Profit Made by Topeka in Selling Electricity.

In the current issue of the Industrialist, a magazine published at the state agricultural college, there is an exhaustive article on the Topeka electric light plant, by Henry M. Thomas. He has evidently made a thorough investigation of the situation in Topeka and he arrives at the following conclusions: "In spite of the mistakes that have been made, city ownership and operation of the street lighting system has proved a paying investment to the municipality. As one result of the experience, it is not unreasonable to expect that in the future the city will exhibit great capabilities of management, and will still further improve the service and reduce the expenses. When the plant was founded the lowest bid that had been received from a private company was for \$10 per light per month; and while there are no data beyond November, 1889, yet it is believed to be a near and safe approximation to assume that the cost per lamp did not exceed that for the thirty-eight months immediately following the date just mentioned, for which time we have already presented exact statements of cost. According to the table given, the cost per lamp per month from November, 1889, to January, 1893, was \$8.40, which leaves a difference of \$1.60 per lamp per month in favor of the city operation. The number of lamps at this time was 184, and on the assumption that the saving just mentioned was continuous from 1887 to 1893, there was a total saving to the city over what a contract for \$10 per light per month would have involved of \$21,186.80. And had the same rate of economy been prolonged up to the time of the rebuilding of the plant, the amount retained to the city would have been the large sum of \$33,561.60. When the building of the plant was under contemplation the Edison company endeavored to secure the street lighting by representing a bid for the extremely low figure of \$6 per light, but even at this rate the city would have suffered a loss of 87 cents per light per month, amounting, for the year covered by this investigation, to \$2,692.52, in view of the economies effected by the new apparatus."—Nebraska Journal.

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Relic of Lincoln's Campaign. Deputy Probate Judge Garrard has a paperweight on his desk made of two pieces of plate glass between which is one of the tickets used in Ohio at the presidential election in 1864, when Lincoln was elected the second time. It is a Republican ticket, but the word "Republican" does not appear on it. Across the top is "Ohio Union Presidential Ticket." Underneath is a design of flags, muskets, cannon, drums and other implements of war, arranged around the motto, "A vigorous prosecution of the war and no compromise under the guns of the rebels." Following this comes the presidential ticket: "For president, Abraham Lincoln of Illinois; for vice-president, Andrew Johnson of Tennessee." The state elections in Ohio in those days were held in October, and only presidential candidates were voted for in November. On the reverse side of the ticket is a spread eagle and shield and the motto, "Rally round the flag, boys, rally once again."—Topeka Journal.

There is a Class of People Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called Grain-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c and 25c per package. Try it. Ask for Grain-O.

Applications for half fare permits for the year 1900 will be renewed, and clergymen are urged to make their applications at once.

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### Bark Blankets of Ecuador Indians.

In Ecuador, one of the South American republics, the bark of a tree which grows on the slopes of the Andes is utilized for the making of blankets. The blanket is over six feet long and over five feet wide, and is as soft and pliable as though it were made of flannel. It is about the thickness of a good flannel blanket, and can be rolled up and put in a strap without hurting or injuring it. This tree or bark blanket is merely a strip of bark cut from a section of the trunk of the blanket or demagogus tree. The Indians make a cutting around the trunk to get it, and they prepare it by soaking it in water until it is soft. It is then pounded so that the rough outside can be stripped off and the inside alone left. The inside is of fine fibres so joined together by nature that it makes a beautiful blanket, warm enough to be used as a cover, and soft enough for a mattress.

### SPARED THEIR LIVES.

An Interesting Story of the Kindness of the Late President Heuroux.

Some years ago a conspiracy, headed by several prominent young men of the Santo Domingo republic, who hoped to gain wealth and position through the death of Heuroux, attempted to take his life and start a revolution. Their plot was cleverly planned and seemingly sure of success, for the president showed no suspicion, continuing his customary mode of life, walking and driving throughout the city as usual without guards, although at that time he was fully posted in every detail of their scheme, and when their plans were fully matured and their time for action at hand he had them all arrested and thrown into the dungeons of the old fortifications. The penalty for crimes of this sort is always death, so soon after their arrest they were drawn up in line on the old parade grounds within the walls of the old fort and told to prepare for death, after which the firing squad lined up in front of them and were ordered to fire. As they did so only one man fell. The president, who was a witness, then stepped forward and said: "My children, you have attempted to ruin your country and take my life, and for this you are legally subject to death, but I do not want to see you die so young. The man on the ground had to give up his life to pay the penalty for his misdeeds. If you ever plot against me again you will be where he is. Look at him, remember what I have said, and then go, for you are free."

### An Electrical Postman.

Geneva there is an electrical postman, or at least a substitute for the postman. In his pouches letters, rightly dropped into the box provided ring an electric bell on the floor to which they are going and actuate an automatic hydraulic lift, which carries the letter up to the floor and descends to be ready for the next.

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